

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Northern Virginia Regional Office
Mobile Source Operations Section

OPERATIONAL ORDER	NUMBER 10	EFFECTIVE DATE: January 18, 1993 Revised: August 17, 2000
SUBJECT KIT-CAR VEHICLES	ORIGINATING UNIT MOBILE SOURCE OPERATIONS SECTION	

For the purposes of the Air Check I&M Program, "Kit-Car" vehicles are defined as vehicles assembled by other than a licensed manufacturer.

If the kit-car engine's year of manufacture indicates that it is subject to the Air Check Virginia I&M Program, the vehicle may be inspected at an emissions inspection station. The year of the engine shall be presumed to be as stated by the vehicle owner. If the inspector determines by a physical inspection of the vehicle engine that the year of the engine is other than stated by the owner, the vehicle shall be inspected according to the year of the engine as determined by the inspector. The inspector shall be advised to select the appropriate designation for "kit-car" when prompted by the certified emissions analyzer system to allow the proper emissions standards and test procedure (two-speed idle or ASM) to be selected.¹ The emissions standards and test procedures for these vehicles will be in accordance with the year of manufacture of the engine.

Emissions inspectors may refer kit-car questions to a Vehicle Emissions Compliance Officer (VECO) for resolution. The VECO will make a determination as to whether the inspection can be handled at the emissions inspection station, or if the matter will be handled as a referee inspection. If there are any complaints or disputes concerning these procedures, the VECO will request the citizen to respond to the referee facility and/or meet with the vehicle owner for clarification.

If the vehicle owner has been notified through the registration process that an emissions inspection is required and a physical inspection of the vehicle engine determines that the vehicle is not subject to the I/M Program (model/engine year exemption or otherwise), an appointment shall be made with the citizen to perform a referee inspection. If the VECO confirms the exempt status, a letter of exemption will be provided to the citizen to complete the registration process. (See Attachment)

¹ The current Northern Virginia Analyzer System software may not be configured correctly for kit-car inspections. The procedures outlined in this document reflect kit-car procedures as they are designed to work, and should be consistent with all certified emissions analyzer systems after software updates have been accomplished.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

FROM: J. Michael Thompson, Jr.
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SUBJECT: Exempted Vehicle / Emissions Inspection Program

It has been determined that the vehicle listed below is a "kit-car" built with a 1967 model year engine, and is not required to be inspected in the current Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program in order to be registered.

Vehicle – 1998 Special Construction 2D SDN
V.I.N. – R3701VA
Verified by – J. Tragesser

Please allow this vehicle to be registered without a Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (703) 583-3900.

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